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1. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2002-184478, published June 28, 2002 (with English abstract).
2. N. Papageorgiu, et al.: "The Performance and Stability of Ambient Temperature Molten Salts for Solar Cell Applications"; Journal of the Electrochemical Society; Vol. 143, No. 10; October 1996; pages 3099-3108.
3. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2002-203612, published July 19, 2002 (previously submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed March 7, 2006).

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4. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 9-259942, published October 3, 1997 (previously submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed March 7, 2006).
5. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 59-43578, published March 10, 1984 (with English abstract).
6. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 62-49673, published March 4, 1987 (with English abstract).

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for those indicated as previously submitted.

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